by vessels registered under the Indian Port Trusts Act. Every steamer is registered under the Port Trusts Act for the matter of that.

Rao Bhadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Steamers are not registered under the Port Trusts Act. No; they are not registered.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*Pattamars* ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I do not know.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sea-going Donnies ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It may be registered under the Indian Port Trusts Act or under the Inland Canal Navigation Act.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And *Pattamars* had been used to be registered under the Inland Canal Navigation Act. It is a matter that has been burning, Sir.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Representation is to be given by the steamer agents to bring about the proposed change. And that is under consideration. There is no use of discussing that here.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is a legal question and what is what and all that.

Opening of new roads.

120 **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount that has been spent in the current year for opening new roads in the State and the places of each of these new roads are located?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—A statement showing the new roads opened in 1103 under P. W. D. and the several Panchayats is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know why in several items given in the appendix the amount is not stated ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Those works are under progress.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—All the other works are finished. Those for which amounts are stated here are finished.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Nearing completion.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Figures show the amounts spent by the Public Works Department in 1103. So that, up to this, no amount has been spent.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—So far as the roads are concerned.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Amounts have been budgetted; but the work may not have been done.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They have been paid interest, and they did not give any final accounts.

Contracts in the Forest Departments.

121. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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